

Village Council
August 18, 2008
6:45 PM

Minutes
Public Hearing

Call to Order: Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 6:47pm

Roll Call: John Bender, Rick Deeds, Bruce Jarvis, Bobbie Mershon, Victor Paini,
and Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry

Mrs. Mershon moved to excuse Mrs. Turner. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE **AYES:** Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mrs. Mershon,
Mr. Paini, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry

NAYS:

Motion carried.

Purpose of the Public Hearing: To hear public comments on the proposed new Subdivision Regulations, proposed amendment to the Zoning Code to adopt a Stream Corridor Protection Policy and Stream Corridor Protection Zone and the proposed Storm water Design Manual.

Presentation to Council:

Staff Report:

Mr. Allan Neimeyer gave a power point presentation (see attached presentation). As a result of the Clean Water Act of 1972, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) was created. In 2003, Canal Winchester filed a Storm water Management Plan with Ohio EPA. This plan requires the Village to establish a stream corridor protection

zone, establish illicit discharge policy for storm systems and to update storm water management regulations.

The Protection Zone was shown on a map (see attached). The SCPZ provides erosion control, filters and traps sediment and benefits and protects aquatic ecosystems in the stream.

SCPZ permitted uses...

- Maintained natural vegetation, limited to passive use (hiking, fishing, picnicking)
- Damaged trees may be removed
- Public utilities and public roadways
- List of plant material allowed will be maintained by the Urban Forester.

The Storm water Design manual will provide developers with the criteria based on OEPA permit regulations.

Subdivision regulations were listed on overhead. See attached information.

Village Resident Questions/Comments:

(Five Minute Limit per Person)

Jeffery Bond, of 146 Washington Street Apt C, believes this is a good thing. Water mitigation is a very serious issue and this is a great step to begin to deal with it. We don't want to end up like Pickerington, with serious erosion problems.

James Balzer, of 6342 Streams End Dr, believes this is a good idea to start to update the regulations, but he is concerned about the 25'. It is a recommendation from the EPA and he asks that it be taken with a grain of salt. 25' is not that large of an area. He believes 35' or 40' would be more appropriate to enhance and allow that corridor to be used in the future.

Council Comments/Questions:

Dr. Bender asked how the 25' is measured. Mr. Neimeyer stated that it is 25' on either side plus the channel width and it is the minimum. Keep in mind that most of these will also have a flood way, which carry their own restrictions. Each area will be taken into consideration on its own.

Mr. Jarvis asked if there was any reason why it wouldn't be advisable to kick that number up from 25' to 35'. Mr. Peoples noted again that it is the minimum for areas without flood ways. Each area is looked at individually.

Mr. Jarvis asked if trees are protected in the flood way. Mr. Peoples stated that they are not protected outside of the protection zone.

Mr. Jarvis stated he isn't hearing why we couldn't make the zone 35' instead. Discussion ensued.

